

January 27, 2022

Mayor Gallagher and Members of City Council,

Enclosed is the Annual Report for the City's Police Department. The report includes a summary of the many services that we provide. Year 2021 presented similar challenges as the 2020 pandemic stretched throughout the year.

The uncertainty of the global COVID-19 virus pandemic continued to affect many aspects of law enforcement. The number of prisoners stayed approximately at the same 2020 level as the courts continued the reduction of in-person appearances. Officers slowly increased voluntary interactions with the public through community engagement, traffic enforcement and training – still not at pre-pandemic levels but more than 2020. Personal protection and equipment remained a priority. Calls for Service rose 4% to 26,996 as life slowly returned to a normal state as the year went along. The Greater Cleveland area as well as Brooklyn experienced an increase in certain crimes as courts and jails remained at reduced occupancy in order to minimize COVID exposure.

We continued to look for opportunities for regional cooperation. Chagrin Valley Dispatch – Brecksville remained our provider for our dispatch services. 2021 had the Metropark Police and Cuyahoga Sheriff's Office join CVD- Brecksville. The School Resource Officer (SRO) position continued with the Brooklyn Schools. The shared full time Animal Control Officer position with Parma Heights proved to be beneficial for both cities. The Southwest Accident Group (SWAG) that BPD is part of - grew to nine cities. SWAG is a regional team of accident investigators that respond to serious and fatal motor vehicle accidents across member cities. We cooperatively purchased new body worn and dashboard cameras with Euclid PD through our partnership with Chagrin Valley Dispatch – saving the City thousands of dollars. Partnerships and sharing resources allows us to provide services that individually, our department may not be able to provide.

We sent well wishes to Patrol Officer Chris Baxter on his retirement after 25 years of service. We welcomed three new patrol officers through lateral transfers – Frank Sidoti, Mike Korecz, and Brianna Molnar. We also added another full time corrections officer – Sarah Sacha as we start to prepare staffing for our new jail. We look forward to adding another patrol officer in 2022.

In the Fall of 2021 we joined a number of other Northeast Ohio communities in installing 17 license plate reader cameras strategically located throughout Brooklyn. These cameras provide officers the ability to review traffic during investigations, recover stolen vehicles, and find arrest warrants. The cameras have proved to be a valuable tool in our officers' resources.

In December of 2021 the department received provisional certification with the Ohio Collaborative Police-Community Advisory Board. This certification recognizes that our policies follow agreed upon best practices. Building the long awaited new police station and city hall officially started with its groundbreaking.

The Police Department wishes to express our continued gratitude to Mayor Gallagher, the members of City Council and all City departments for their support, assistance, and cooperation through 2021. We are looking forward to a healthier and safer 2022.

Respectfully,

Scott Mielke Police Chief



Annual Year End Report 2021

Brooklyn Police Department Mission Statement

It is the Brooklyn Police Department's mission to serve as partners with our citizens to maintain a safe and peaceful community. We commit ourselves to the preservation of life, protection of property, and safeguarding individual liberties. We are dedicated to accomplishing this with service, integrity, professionalism, pride, and respect.

The Brooklyn Police Department's Core Values

Service

We will perform our duties impartially for all who seek our assistance

Integrity

We hold ourselves accountable to the highest level of honesty, truthfulness and ethical conduct.

Professionalism

We are committed to the highest level of professional standards through development of highly trained and motivated employees.

Pride

We take pride in ourselves as individuals, our department as a team and our citizens as a community.

Respect

We will ensure that all persons are treated with equality, dignity and courtesy.



Chief Scott Mielke

Lt. Cindy Eschweiler

Lt. John Knapp

Patrol

Day Shift

Platoon A Platoon C Sgt Brad Esper Sgt Doug Boyle Ptl Mark Murphey Ptl Chris Baxter (retired 9/9/21) Ptl Mike Mackovjak Ptl Doug Gasior Ptl Shane Phillips Ptl James Roach Ptl Jared Kochmit Ptl TJ Schill Ptl Phil Bungo Ptl Brad Washburn Ptl Kyle Young Ptl Mike Spisak

Ptl Mike Korecz

Night Shift

Platoon B
Sgt Adam McQuaid
Sgt Paul Stein
Ptl Joe Traska
Ptl Mario Spremulli
Ptl Dan Celis
Ptl Kyle Pitts
Ptl Joe Chessar
Platoon D
Sgt Paul Stein
Ptl Mario Spremulli
Ptl Steve Reitz
Ptl Tony Aftim
Ptl Joe Chessar

Ptl Brianna Molnar

School Resource Officer

Ptl Dan Meadows

Detective Bureau

Det Sgt Brian Glandorf Det Chris Frey Det Joe Bugaj Det Brett Dalton

Animal Control

ACO Miranda Braude

Corrections

CO Mike Balina CO Sarah Sacha CO Tony Kolbosky CO Marie Neff

LE Clerk

Jackie Ans Kay Ellis

Auxiliary Police

Capt Gary Sundemeier (retired Oct '21)

Aux Donna Kennedy Sp Jim Catania

Aux John DeAngelo Sp Nick Anikienko

Sp Nick Anikienko Sgt Mike Balina Sr. Sp Dave Miller
Aux Ray Slimak
Aux Vernon Cutright
Aux Robert Saggio
Sgt Bob Gerber
Aux Joe Salem

Aux Greg Fiodorowicz

School Guards

Brigitte Koontz
Rita Beaver
Ann Pecek
Linda Yankovitz
Sharon Laule
Christine Moralevitz
Joyce Nekl

Beverly Kren

Mary Slimak
Denny Esper
Jane Sroka
Ron Yankovitz
Linda Mitchell
Chrissy Moralevitz
Gizzela Martincic
Arthur Kropp

Part Time Corrections

CO Mike Kovacik

CO Anthony Gordon CO James Yeager CO Paul Marich CO James Albert

Part Time LE Clerks

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Animal Control

Animal Control

The Brooklyn Police Department's Animal Control Officer Miranda Braude continued in 2021 as a full time shared employee with the City of Parma Heights. This arrangement continues to benefit both Cities. The ACO's increased availability provides opportunities to be more proactive in responding to complaints and more thorough in follow-ups. This shared position continued to be valuable to our residents.

ACO Braude would like to thank the following animal organizations and agencies that have assisted our department throughout 2021 – the Parma Animal Shelter, Emerald Animal Hospital & Grooming, the Brooklyn Pet Supply Plus, Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, the Cleveland APL, The Senior Sanctuary for Dogs, and Cuyahoga County Kennels, Lucky Paws and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

As it has been in the past, its Brooklyn Animal Control's goal to find a forever home for all healthy and adoptable animals.

There were **537 total calls** for service concerning Brooklyn animals in 2021. This is a 11% decrease from 2020.

Impounded Dogs	62
Returned to Owner	49
Adopted –	1
Rescue	12
E/C (euthanized)	0
Impounded Cats	9
Returned to Owner	0
Adopted –	5
Rescue	3
E/C (euthanized)	1
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2021 Brooklyn Police Department Crime Statistics

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Juvenile Justice

2021 JUVENILE COURT FILINGS

Filings by Month:

January	1	<u>FEMALE</u>	
February	0	White	4
March	2	Black	3
April	1	Hispanic	0
May	0	Asian	0
June	4	Other	0
July	2	Total	7
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August	2	MALE	
September	2	White	5
October	2	Black	9
November	2	Hispanic	0
December	3	Asian	0
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Direct Admissions to DH

Total 0

Total Filings – 21

City of Brooklyn Juvenile Diversion Program 2021 Annual Report

Statistics: Decrease of 1 Diversion Participants from 2020 to

2021

Diversion Participants of Juveniles from the City of

Brooklyn's Diversion Program total 5

Case Referrals back to Juvenile Court 0

Juveniles: Not from Brooklyn 6

Juveniles: From Brooklyn 5

Repeat Offenders: 2 (as Ordered by Juvenile Court)

Participants: Males 9

Females 2

Total Diversion Participants <u>11</u>

Total Community Service Hours Assigned by Hearing Officer for the 2021 Year-City of Brooklyn Diversion Participants: 264; 48 less service hours more than diversion year 2020.

Prepared by: Lou Galizio, Juvenile Diversion Coordinator, City of Brooklyn



Brooklyn Police Department Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board

Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board

Over the course of the last two years, the Brooklyn Police Department has been diligently working toward certification with the Ohio Collaborative Community Police-Advisory Board. Throughout the process, the Brooklyn Police Department collaborated with Lexipol to develop constitutionally sound policies to not only comply with federal and state laws but also those standards set by the OCCPAB.

The Ohio Collaborative works to improve community-police relations and find solutions to the tensions and concerns between community members and the police that serve them. The standards are the first of their kind in Ohio and were developed and established by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board as part of the state's efforts to strengthen community and police relations. Currently there are 11 standards that agencies must implement and demonstrate compliance in order to gain and maintain compliance and certification.

There are 544 agencies that are certified, and 11 in process of becoming certified by meeting standards for the use of force, including deadly force, and agency recruitment and hiring. Additionally, more than 29,604 officers (representing over 85 percent of all law enforcement officers in Ohio, including most of Ohio's metropolitan areas) are employed by an agency that is involved in some form of the certification process.

In December of 2021, the Brooklyn Police Department achieved provisional certification (pending an onside inspection by the Collaborative) in nine of the ten applicable standards. The last standard- Agency Wellness is relatively new and certification is in process.

Current Collaborative Standards

Use of Force
Use of Deadly Force
Recruitment and Hiring
Community Engagement
Body Worn Cameras
Investigation of Employee Misconduct
Vehicular Pursuit
Bias Free Policing
Response to Mass Protests/Demonstrations
Agency Wellness (in process)
Telecommunicator Training (wavier obtained N/A for Brooklyn PD)



January 04, 2022

Complaint Against Officer Review January 01 - December 31, 2021 Policy 910 - Personnel Complaints

The Brooklyn Police Department takes seriously all complaints regarding the service provided by the Department and the conduct of its members. The Department will accept and address all complaints of misconduct in accordance with this policy and applicable federal, state and local law, municipal and county rules and the requirements of any collective bargaining agreements. It is also the policy of this department to ensure that the community can report misconduct without concern for reprisal or retaliation. Personnel complaint forms wil be maintained at the Police window or through requests.

As of December 31, 2021 three (3) Complaints Against Officer have been submitted to the Chief's Office. The Chief of Police has reviewed the complaints and all accompanying materials. The Chief of Police is satisfied that no further investigation or action is required and considers the investigation of these complaints closed.

Upon review I am satisfied that the process for handling Personnel Complaints complies with the Policy of the Brooklyn Police Department; is consistent with other departments and meets the standard set by OCLEAC.

Scott Mielke

Chief of Police



Community Engagement

Community Engagement

While we continue to make progress in our recovery from the Coronavirus Pandemic, many businesses, organizations and schools continue operating on modified schedules to mitigate the spread of the virus. Despite these challenges, the Brooklyn Police Department was able to organize multiple events bringing officers and the community together in non-enforcement situations.

Bicycle Detail

Despite the ongoing pandemic, schools closing, and reopening on a modified schedule, the bicycle unit dedicated approximately 358.5 hours to Safe Routes to School. The Safe Routes to School detail utilizes bicycles to promote walking and bicycling to school. We patrol the most common walking and biking paths used by students. We patrol 2 hours before school and 2 hours after school.

The Summer Bicycle Patrol traditionally begins with the Memorial Day Parade and rides through September. The detail rides from 3:00 p.m. – 11 p.m. on Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 11:00 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Sundays. We dedicated approximately 748.5 hours to Summer Bicycle Patrol.

In May and October, our Department participated in the "Hike it/Bike it to School with a Hero Day" where officers walked and biked to school with students from all over the City.

Shop with a Cop

Shop with a Cop returned to normal operations on Saturday December 11, 2021, with our officers escorting Brooklyn families for breakfast and in person Christmas shopping. Shop with a Cop is an integral part of our community policing effort. The annual event has proven its effectiveness in making positive non-enforcement contacts with our citizens year after year.

Coffee with a Cop

Coffee with a Cop is a program that brings police officers and the community we serve together over coffee, to discuss issues and learn more about each other. By removing the cars, the radios and other distractions that usually accompany a citizen-officer encounter, you can have a normal

conversation, in a casual atmosphere. Over the course of an hour, we start building rapport and get to know members of the community by sharing experiences, and discussing the issues facing the community.

By collaborating with other community stakeholders, we were able to hold 2 Coffee with a Cop events:

- October 6, 2021 hosted by Starbuck's Tiedeman
- December 6, 2021 hosted by Brooklyn Fire Department

Building Mutual Respect and Community Trust

On May 4th 2021 the Brooklyn Police Department invited members of the Brooklyn community that included clergy, representatives and business members to an all-day discussion at the Senior Center with Brooklyn officers. Topics discussed were – how to build and strengthen police relationships with the community, how perceptions are created and passed along, unconscious bias and mutual respect. The purpose was to bring officers and community leaders together and better understand each other.

No Shave/No Trim with a Purpose

Brooklyn police officers participated in a number of fundraisers every year in order to grow beards or hair. Participating male officers grow a beard, female officers can grow their hair long or wear a 'flair" item on their uniform for the month, so long as they donate to the designated charity. October is breast cancer awareness – officers donate to the *Susan G. Komen Foundation*. November is set for *A Special Wish Foundation* No Shave/No Trim with 15 area police departments. December the Brooklyn *Shop with a Cop* program. January and February supports the *Special Olympic's* Polar Plunge. Officers raise funds in order to jump into a frozen Lake Erie at Edgewater Park. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic - 2021's plunge was canceled. Nevertheless, we still raised money.

Additional Events

In addition, BPD participated in the following community events:

- March 2021 Right to Read Week at the Brooklyn Schools
- May 8, 2021 Brooklyn City Schools Touch a Truck and Bike Rodeo
- May 3 7, 2021 Brooklyn City Schools Walk to School Week

- October 2, 2021 Lowe's Safety Day
- October 21, 2021 Halloween Safety Town hosted by the Brooklyn Recreation Center
- October 28th, 2021 Halloween Trick or Trunk hosted by Brooklyn Pointe
- Halloween evening Officers handed out candy while out on patrol
- December 9th, 2021 North Pole Safety Town hosted by the Brooklyn Recreation Center
- December 11th and 12th Santa's Annual visit Brooklyn Police Auxiliaries Annual 2 Day escort of Santa Clause up and down every street in Brooklyn.
- Brooklyn Summer Enrichment camp



Corrections

2021 Corrections Report

Males **426**

Females 204

Total 630

3% decrease from 2020 Total of 652

Average prisoner stay 1.3 days

Total Cost of Prisoner Food \$3276

Cost of Laundry and Supplies \$2945

Cost of Prisoner Medical Care \$1735



School Resource Officer Program 2021

School Resource Officer Annual Report

A School Resource Officer (SRO) program places law enforcement officers in schools with the goal of creating and maintaining a safe, secure, and orderly learning environment for students, teachers, and staff. SROs are positive role models and mentors for many students who are not exposed to such role models in today's society.

The Brooklyn Police Department has had one full time School Resource Officer (SRO) since 2015- Officer Dan Meadows. The SRO is assigned to the Brooklyn School District campus during the school year. The position is funded through a cost sharing agreement between the City and the Brooklyn City Schools.

The Brooklyn City School District is a shared campus, comprising of two schools and a central office / Board of Education. The two schools are the Brooklyn School (preschool to Grade 7) and the High School (Grades 8 to 12). There are approximately 1125 students and 175 staff members across the entire campus.

The SRO's primary responsibility is to provide immediate response to situations involving students at the school. These services include, but are not limited to; emergencies of any type, active shooter response, liaison between the police department, parents, and the school, deterrent of criminal activity, education, and mentorship. The SRO also assists school administration with truancy cases by accompanying school officials to a student's residence to perform a health and welfare check on a student and necessary follow up. The SRO also conducts classes to educate and inform students in areas involving laws and enforcement, safety, drug abuse education, and good decision-making. The SRO is also actively involved in school district safety and security committee meetings, as well as works with school administration to coordinate safety drills such as fire, tornado, and lockdown drills.

The Brooklyn SRO currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Ohio School Resource Officers Association (OSROA), a statewide organization with membership that extends throughout the State of Ohio.

The SRO has the ability to access police records and complete police reports remotely on school grounds. This allows the SRO to spend more time on campus and less time completing paperwork at the police station.

In 2021, the SRO worked with school officials and using grant funds, assisted the district in the selection and purchase of approximately 30 hand held portable two-way radios to help facilitate communication within the district.

Despite the SRO's focus on building positive relationships with students, there are occasions where our SRO had to issue a citation or make an arrest or referral to juvenile court for a violation of criminal law that occurred on or near school property. In 2021, the Brooklyn SRO issued two citations related to tobacco use/possession and/or vaping on school grounds, and made three referrals to Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, one referral for possession of drug paraphernalia, and two others for fighting/assault. The SRO is a resource for other officers when investigations include current or past

Brooklyn students or their family's members. The SRO handles day-to-day problems such as a student missing the bus all the way to a missing/endangered student. The SRO's experience and knowledge of the school and students proves to be valuable to both the school and the police department.

The SRO also assists school administration in violations of school policy / laws that are better handled by the school district and not referred for any formal juvenile court proceedings.

During the summer months, the SRO transitions to community engagement, participating in the bicycle patrol throughout the city, as well as taking part in other community based programs - Buddy basketball and baseball, the library's babysitter program, Coffee with a Cop and many others.

One of those programs in 2021 was the resurrection of Safety Town. The SRO was an integral part of the City's process of creating the new program. Safety Town is a five-day summer educational program that instructs pre-school age children on crossing the street, riding the school bus, 911, stranger danger, the work of police officers and firefighters, bicycle safety, good touch/bad touch, online safety, water safety and more. The Brooklyn Police Department and Brooklyn Recreation Department teamed up to bring back this program to Brooklyn, including the construction of a permanent safety town village in Brooklyn Memorial Park. Local groups, including the Brooklyn High School stage crew, assisted in the construction of the Safety Town buildings. This year, approximately 60 kindergarten age children from Brooklyn attended this year's inaugural program.

Throughout the year, the SRO attends various trainings and conferences in order to get up to date on the latest topics and trends. During the summer, the SRO attended a 3-day state conference sponsored by the Ohio School Resource Officers Association. In addition, the SRO attended a national conference on school safety sponsored by the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO).

In 2021, the SRO, along with other instructors from the Brooklyn Police Department, developed and hosted active threat/response training for Police/Fire Personnel on campus during the school's spring break. On-campus training allows first responders to train in the most realistic environment possible. The SRO also presented active threat Civilian Response to Active Events (CRASE) training to all district staff in district professional development sessions held prior to the beginning of the 2021/2022 school year.



Service and Enforcement

Service and Enforcement Activity 2021

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Training

Training

The following is a summary of 2021 departmental training. The pandemic continued to reduce the number of opportunities available for in person and hands on training. However online courses, webinars and hosted in-person classes were scheduled to compensate.

Grand Total of training hours for our department was 2081 with an average of 56 per officer.

In addition to mandated Firearms, Taser, Alcohol/Drug testing and LEADS certification the following is a list of subjects that our officers received training.

- Rapid Response to Active threats
- Alcohol Detection and Prosecution
- Advanced Criminal Investigation
- Avoiding Inmate Manipulation
- Building Mutual Respect and Community Trust
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Communication Skills
- Community Relations
- Constitutional Use of Force
- COVID 19 for Law Enforcement
- CPR/AED/Fire extinguisher
- Criminal/Intimate Partner Stalking
- Crime Stats
- Crime Victim Rights/Marsy's Law
- Crisis Intervention
- Duty to Intervene
- Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement
- Evidence Collection
- Human Trafficking
- Implicit Bias
- Interview and Interrogation
- Leadership
- Procedural Justice
- Search Seizure
- Sexual Assault Investigation
- Trauma Informed Response for Criminal Justice Professionals
- Use of Force
- Victim Advocacy